

Washington, DC – Wednesday, Congressman Harry Teague announced that the House Veterans Affairs Committee (HVAC) Health Subcommittee has accepted his request to hold a field hearing in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The field hearing will be an opportunity for southern New Mexico veterans to attend a congressional hearing and make the committee members aware of the unique issues facing southern New Mexico's veterans.

"Fighting for our veterans has been a top priority for me in Congress," said Congressman Harry Teague. "Holding this field hearing in Las Cruces will allow the Committee to learn more about the needs and unique challenges of southern New Mexico veterans."

Congressman Teague has made veterans' issues a top priority, helping to secure advanced appropriations funding for the VA and introducing legislation aimed at addressing and reducing the impact of mental health issues like PTSD have on the lives of returning veterans. He recently lead a bi-partisan group in forming the Invisible Wounds Caucus, to promote awareness of and solutions for the mental health challenges facing our service members and veterans. In addition he recently hosted the U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs in Alamogordo for a veterans roundtable.

Who: House Veterans Affairs Committee Subcommittee on Health

What: Hearing: Essential Services and Benefits for Veterans in New Mexico and across America

When: Monday, March 29, 2010

Where: New Mexico State University

Further details about the hearing will be released as they are available.

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